

driven approach made him a particularly outstanding Commander. By putting people first, Colonel Browne inspired excellence and achievement in others.

My staff and I have enjoyed an extremely positive working relationship with Colonel Browne and his staff, on issues such as the training range, Indian affairs, infrastructure and ensuring that Mountain Home AFB not only retains critical missions, but is considered for others as it possesses one of the top training ranges in the nation and has the strong support of the local community and the State. Colonel and Mrs. Browne have been exemplary representatives of the Air Force and good friends to Idaho. On behalf of the State of Idaho, I wish Colonel and Alison Browne well as they move back to Washington, DC, and thank them for their continued service to our nation and for their time as gunfighters in the great State of Idaho. They will be missed.●

REMEMBERING KAREN RAE FORD

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, it is with a heavy heart that I note the passing of a long-time friend and native Iowan, Karen Rae Ford. Karen passed away last week after a difficult battle with liver disease. I knew Karen well through her work as the executive director of the Food Bank of Iowa, a position she held for over a quarter of a century. Karen was a founding force for the creation of the food bank, where she dedicated herself to improving the lives of countless thousands of low-income families in Iowa.

Let me start by expressing my deepest sympathies to Karen's family and friends. It is never easy to lose a loved one, and particularly hard when the loss is due to a medical illness that cuts that loved one's life short. In times of mourning, words fall far short of the comfort we wish we could provide, but hopefully words let those who were close to Karen know that our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Karen has played a leading role in the fight against hunger in Iowa for many years. In the last several years the Food Bank of Iowa distributed nearly 5 million pounds of food a year to almost 300 partner agencies. Just think of all the hungry, low-income families that have benefited directly from Karen's work during her nearly 30 years of work at the Food Bank of Iowa the parents that were able to put food on the table for their children so that they did not have to go hungry.

Though I am sure Karen would never say so, these families owe her an incalculable debt of gratitude for the hard work and devotion she has shown to the cause of improving their lives over her professional career. And her impact extended far beyond the State of Iowa. On more than one occasion Karen testified before the Congress to advocate for improvements to our food assistance laws and policies so that the programs

upon which low-income families depend for a safety net in tough times are as effective as possible. That testimony was always received with the recognition and respect that it came from an advocate who was in the trenches every day fighting to provide food to hungry people.

Though the Food Bank of Iowa will continue to operate, and the families that depend upon it will continue to be well served, we have all suffered a loss with Karen's passing. Her activism and leadership over a lifetime of work in the anti-hunger community is a testament to her tremendous spirit and dedication to helping those less fortunate.●

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 392. A bill to protect consumers, and especially young consumers, from skyrocketing credit card debt, unfair credit card practices, and deceptive credit offers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 393. A bill for the relief of Sopuruchi Chukwueke; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. INOUE:

S. Con. Res. 5. A concurrent resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts in Hawai'i; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 227

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 227, a bill to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, and for other purposes.

S. 343

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 343, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage services of qualified respiratory therapists performed under the general supervision of a physician.

S. 371

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) were added as co-

sponsors of S. 371, a bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to allow citizens who have concealed carry permits from the State in which they reside to carry concealed firearms in another State that grants concealed carry permits, if the individual complies with the laws of the State.

S. 388

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 388, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. CON. RES. 3

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 3, a concurrent resolution honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

AMENDMENT NO. 126

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 126 intended to be proposed to H.R. 1, a bill making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 145

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 145 proposed to H.R. 1, a bill making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 155

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 155 intended to be proposed to H.R. 1, a bill making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 169

At the request of Mr. BAYH, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of amendment No. 169 intended to be proposed to H.R. 1, a bill making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.